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1. [redacted] Herbert Roback, House Committee on Government Operations staff, called to say that David Burnham, of the New York Times, had called for information as to which [redacted]

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[redacted] I said I would consult my colleagues and see what we could do.

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2. [redacted] Accompanied Bruce Clarke, OSI; [redacted] SAVA; and [redacted] to a meeting with Senator William Scott (R., Va.) which had been arranged by Ed Kenney, of the Armed Services Committee staff, on the basis of a suggestion by Senator Thurmond. When we were received by Scott he said he had never been told of the arrangements and wasn't particularly interested since he had other things to do. However, he did ask us to proceed briefly and Clarke gave him about a 15 minute summary of the Soviet strategic picture, all of which was apparently quite new to Scott. Scott apologized for his ignorance, making clear he didn't know what a silo was and was amazed the U.S. didn't have an operational ABM system. He said he didn't expect to learn much about such matters but as a member of the Armed Services Committee he might have to get filled in on some of these subjects when called upon to vote on them in which case he would let us know.

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